

NEW MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY STRETCH CODE IN EFFECT AS OF

JULY 1, 2011

The **Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code** which was adopted at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting will be implemented starting July 1, 2011; however please note that it will run concurrently with the **2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)** for six (6) months.

This means that the user has the option of using either the **Stretch Energy Code** or the **2009 IECC** to achieve compliance with the energy conservation provisions of the **Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR**.

On ***January 1, 2012***, the **Stretch Code** will be the ***only*** option available to the developer and homeowner.

It is important to note that the **Stretch Code** is not a *stand-alone code* but rather it is the **2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)** ***with Massachusetts Amendments.***

The Stretch Code can be found in the
Massachusetts State Building Code, 780 CMR under Appendix 115.AA.

When using the **Stretch Code**, the user must also reference the **2009 IECC** to comply with code requirements not addressed in the
Stretch Code

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Also, certain buildings exempt from the requirements of the
Stretch Code
must still comply
with the
2009 IECC

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